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NWT Labour Force Activity
- June 2015 -

Statistics Canada estimates that in June 2015, out of 31,900 residents 15 years of age and older 22,200 persons were employed in the Northwest Territories, representing an employment rate of 69.6%. This rate is an increase of 2.1 percentage points over the previous month, and was the highest for the Northwest Territories since October 2014. Nationally, Canada's employment rate was 61.7%.

The increase in June employment translates into 600 more employed persons compared to the previous month and 200 more persons compared to the same time last year.

Those not in the labour force declined from the previous month. In June, the number of unemployed persons also dropped resulting in a decrease in the unemployment rate to 7.1%.

Table 1 Monthly Highlights
Northwest Territories, June 2015

	Jun-15	May-15	Jun-14
Population	31,900	32,000	32,300
Labour Force	23,800	23,500	24,400
Employed	22,200	21,600	22,000
Unemployed	1,700	1,900	2,400
Not in Labour Force	8,000	8,500	7,900
Participation (%)	74.6	73.4	75.5
Employment (%)	69.6	67.5	68.1
Unemployment (%)	7.1	8.1	9.8

Figure 1 ***Persons Not in the Labour Force and Employment Rate***
Northwest Territories, 2013-2015

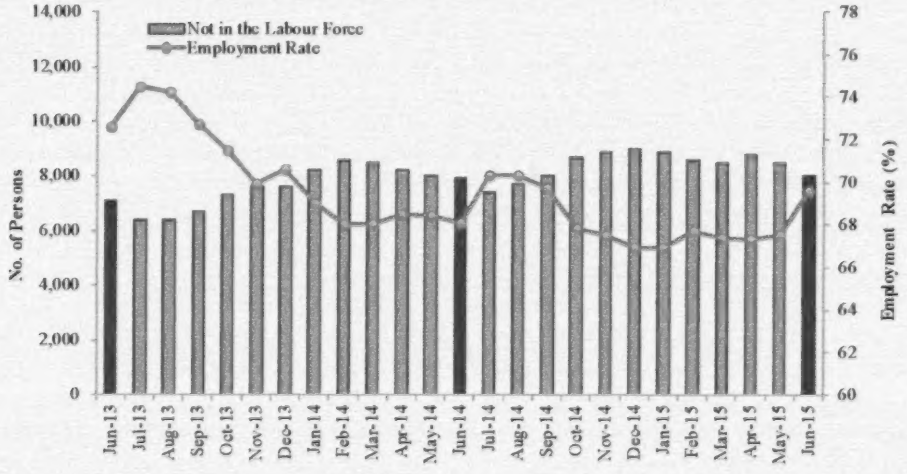

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Table 2 shows the number of employed persons and the employment rate by key characteristics. The employment rate increased in all categories compared to the previous month, most notably among Aboriginal persons (4 percentage points increase) and youths aged 15-24 years (5 percentage points increase).

Table 2 ***Employment Rates by Key Characteristics Northwest Territories***

	Jun-15		May-15		Apr-15	
	Employed (Persons)	Employment Rate (%)	Employed (Persons)	Employment Rate (%)	Employed (Persons)	Employment Rate (%)
Northwest Territories	22,200	69.6	21,600	67.5	21,600	67.3
15-24 Yrs.	2,800	46.7	2,500	41.7	2,700	44.3
25 Yrs. & Over	19,300	74.5	19,100	73.7	18,900	72.7
Males	11,100	69.8	10,600	66.3	10,800	67.1
Females	11,000	69.2	10,900	68.1	10,800	67.5
Aboriginal	8,500	56.7	7,900	52.7	7,800	52.7
Non-Aboriginal	13,700	81.1	13,600	80.0	13,900	80.3
Yellowknife	12,300	80.9	12,200	79.7	12,300	79.4
Other	9,800	58.7	9,400	56.3	9,300	56.0

Table 3 shows that from May 2015 to June 2015, employment increased in both full-time and part-time employment, for all classes of workers, and for both the goods producing and service producing industries.

Compared to June 2014 public-sector employment increased by 1,000 persons while private sector employment and self-employment fell by 800 and 100 persons respectively. The number of persons working in goods-producing industries increased by 500 persons, offset by a decline of 400 persons in the service-producing industries.

Table 3 ***Monthly and Yearly Change in Employment by Selected Characteristics Northwest Territories, June 2015***

	Jun-15	May-15	Jun-14	May-15 to Jun-15 Change (persons)	Jun-14 to Jun-15 Change (persons)
Total Employment	22,200	21,600	22,000	600	200
Full-time	19,500	19,000	19,500	500	-
Part-time	2,700	2,600	2,500	100	200
Employees	20,300	19,800	20,000	500	300
Public	9,800	9,500	8,800	300	1,000
Private	10,500	10,300	11,300	200	(800)
Self-employment	1,900	1,800	2,000	100	(100)
Goods Producing	4,100	3,700	3,600	400	500
Service Producing	18,000	17,900	18,400	100	(400)

The following table presents historical labour force activity in the Northwest Territories.

Table 4 ***Labour Force Activity***
Northwest Territories

	Population 15 & Over	Labour Force	Employed	Unemployed	Not in the Labour Force	Participation Rate	Unemployment Rate	Employment Rate
Jun-15	31,900	23,800	22,200	1,700	8,000	74.6	7.1	69.6
May-15	32,000	23,500	21,600	1,900	8,500	73.4	8.1	67.5
Apr-15	32,100	23,200	21,600	1,600	8,800	72.3	6.9	67.3
Mar-15	32,200	23,600	21,700	1,900	8,500	73.3	8.1	67.4
Feb-15	32,200	23,600	21,800	1,800	8,600	73.3	7.6	67.7
Jan-15	32,300	23,400	21,600	1,800	8,900	72.4	7.7	66.9
Dec-14	32,300	23,300	21,600	1,700	9,000	72.1	7.3	66.9
Nov-14	32,300	23,400	21,800	1,700	8,900	72.4	7.3	67.5
Oct-14	32,300	23,700	21,900	1,800	8,700	73.4	7.6	67.8
Sep-14	32,300	24,300	22,500	1,800	8,000	75.2	7.4	69.7
Aug-14	32,300	24,600	22,700	1,900	7,700	76.2	7.7	70.3
Jul-14	32,300	24,900	22,700	2,200	7,400	77.1	8.8	70.3
Previous Years:								
Jun-14	32,300	24,400	22,000	2,400	7,900	75.5	9.8	68.1
Jun-13	32,500	25,400	23,600	1,800	7,100	78.2	7.1	72.6
Jun-12	32,400	25,000	23,000	2,100	7,300	77.2	8.4	71.0
Jun-11	32,300	24,900	22,900	2,000	7,400	77.1	8.0	70.9
Jun-10	32,000	23,200	21,500	1,700	8,800	72.5	7.3	67.2
Jun-09	31,800	23,100	21,700	1,500	8,700	72.6	6.5	68.2
Jun-08	31,800	24,000	22,400	1,600	7,800	75.5	6.7	70.4
Jun-07	31,500	24,800	23,200	1,600	6,700	78.7	6.5	73.7
Jun-06	31,100	24,500	23,200	1,400	6,600	78.8	5.7	74.6
Jun-05	31,100	23,600	22,500	1,200	7,500	75.9	5.1	72.3

Information on the territorial labour market is a result of the extension of Statistics Canada's national labour force survey (LFS) to the Northwest Territories. Data presented for the Northwest Territories is based on three-month moving averages, with survey counts rounded to the nearest 100 persons.

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